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RELEASE OF JUDGE, REPORT

Statements Conflict

Jerusalem, Jan. 29.
Reports issued by a government source said unofficially on Tuesday night that a motor car drove up to a Tel-Aviv cinema and rolled out a box from which stepped Judge Ralph Windham.

The statement said the release took place in Tel-Aviv.

The announcement of the Judge's release closely followed news that former Major H. A. L. Collins, abducted from his home on Sunday night, had also been granted freedom.

These sensational developments climaxed a tense day, highlighted by an all-out search of the Holy city by police and troops, and a melodramatic communique to Tel-Aviv newspapers from the Irgun terrorists organization, that "both Major Collins and the Tel-Aviv district judge, Mr. Ralph Windham will be freed shortly."

Tel-Aviv police have officially reported that an anonymous telephone call informed them that Judge Windham had been "liberated." Jerusalem police have still not located Collins.

The Palestine Government Information Office, which issued the report of Judge Windham's release, have now issued a further statement declaring that police have informed them that a car drove up to a Tel-Aviv cinema and deposited a box, but there was no one inside. Associated Press.

REJECTS APPEAL MOVE

Jerusalem, Jan. 29.
Reliable private sources disclosed that David Ben-Gurion, the 33-year-old member of the Irgun Zvai Leumi, under sentence of death, had turned down his lawyer's plea to authorize an appeal in the Privy Council.

The source quoted the lawyer who conferred for hours this morning with Ben-Gurion in Jerusalem prison as saying: "Groner told me that if the British government wishes to show me any consideration it can do so on the basis of my five and half years war record. That is known without me appealing to the Privy Council."

Legal experts pointed out that it was impossible to make an appeal on Groner's behalf without his own signature. He was further quoted as saying "even if Menahem Beiglin himself asked me I would not appeal. Beiglin is the Irgun Commander-in-Chief who is reported to have planned such raids as last May's on the Ramatgan police station during which Groner was wounded and captured."

Jewish circles reported that the chief rabbi, Ezrae Borstein had been given special permission to see Groner on Tuesday and would add his appeal to that of Groner's lawyer for authorization to make an appeal. Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

Salaries Commission-Please Note

SEVENTEEN months after the reoccupation of Hongkong—a period marked in its initial stages by a frightening upward spiral in living costs, and latterly in a partial scaling down, due to controlled prices, rationing and a freer inward flow of consumer goods—a Commission has been officially appointed to study and report on salaries and conditions of Hongkong Government servants. The announcement is welcomed, but still welcome. It will probably help to settle, for the time being, the cries of indignation and frustration from the junior clerical service which have been growing in volume over past months.

Next thing to await is the statement on the terms of reference. We will not attempt to anticipate them, but we think the Commission should approach its task fully aware of certain factors. One is that large sections of the government service are so dissatisfied and discontented that many of them, at of sheer desperation, are likely to resign unless some improvement in their conditions of service is guaranteed. Characteristically enough, few government executives to-day turn right through the junior service. True, it is still of a mumbly, grumbling type, but it is fast becoming concerted; what is more, it is genuine. Another point: not all the anomalies regarding under-pay and over-work are to be found amongst the junior staffs. Even the cadets (or some of them) find that 1941 basic rates of pay, plus HCL allowance and quarters do not allow them to maintain a family without having to dip into whatever savings they may possess. A further point: not only basic salaries, but the system of promotion is causing considerable heartburn. When years of service mean more than ability, it kills the initiative and willingness of ambitious and clever young workers. These days they turn to other employment and government thereby loses high quality servants and has to suffer from indifferent workmanship. Everybody—the Administration, employees and the public—suffers.

CNAC Plane Missing

Shanghai, Jan. 28.

A CNAC plane number 145, piloted by Captain Pappajek and co-pilot Lombard, left Shanghai at 7 o'clock this morning with 19 passengers, including nine foreign missionaries for Chungking via Hankow.

After taking on five additional passengers the plane left Hankow at 11.15 a.m. and has not been heard of since. —Reuter.

RUSSIA AND AT-BOMB

ENVOY'S STATEMENT TO THE PRESS

Washington, Jan. 28.
The Russian Ambassador, Mr. Nikolai Novikov, today denied a report that he once said that Russia had a defence against the atomic bomb and perhaps had a possible bomb.

Mr. Novikov made the denial after a 20-minute visit to the Secretary of State, General George Marshall. The Soviet Ambassador was asked by reporters about a statement in Drew Pearson's column that Novikov had hinted to Robert Gross Leites that Russia had a defence against the atomic bomb.

Pearson reported Novikov as saying, "You Americans should not depend too much on the atomic bomb. Against France, Italy and Germany, yes. But against Russia, no. You should not depend on it." Mr. Novikov's talk with General Marshall was his first since the new Secretary of State took office. Mr. Novikov said he had a very nice talk, but that it was "just conversation." —United Press.

SECURITY BREACHES

Washington, Jan. 28.
Mr. David Lilienthal, chairman designate of the Atomic Energy Commission, declared today that there had been serious breaches in United States atomic security since the end of the war. Mr. Lilienthal told the joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee that publication of scientific material on atomic energy in the United States made his Commission's position ludicrous. He said publication of the Smythe report shortly after the bombing of Hiroshima had been a breach of national security.

In answer to a question, he said he could not answer whether the Smythe report brought some counter-claim or three years nearer the secret of making atomic bombs. He declared that the entire question of publication of scientific information on atomic energy needed going into. "You cannot maintain security if (Continued on Page 4)

Troops On The Move

ACTIVITY IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, Jan. 28.

On the eve of what has been termed statutory martial law there was a feverish movement of troops in Palestine as the Palestine forces speeded up re-deployment. The United Press learned that troops—who are moving only by night when the roads are cleared by curfew—will be switched into positions by to-morrow evening.

Sixth Airborne troops have already been transferred from Tel-Aviv to the Haifa district where terrorist activity is unusually small (most of North Palestine is inhabited by Socialist, anti-terrorist elements) while the First Division is replacing them in the Tel-Aviv district. Meanwhile, Chief Itzhak Herzog, religious head of Palestine Jews, went to Dov Gruner to-day to appeal to him to sign the petition for commutation of his sentence. —United Press.

METICULOUS SEARCH

Jerusalem, Jan. 28.
British troops this morning swung into action in the Tel-Aviv district when they started meticulous house-to-house searches on the Petah Tikva Jewish colony about 20 kilometres north-west of Tel-Aviv. This colony was believed to be a hot bed of Irgun Zvai Leumi terrorists. Throughout the night troops took up positions in the entire district, although Tel-Aviv city was empty of civilians except for shopkeepers who misinterpreted the curfew and appeared in the deserted streets. They were allowed to close their shops and went back home.

Later the British authorities lifted the curfew on Tel-Aviv at the request of the city's mayor, Israel Rokach. "In order to give the terrorists the chance to return the kidnapped men, H. I. Collins and Judge Ralph Windham."

OUT-OF-BOUNDS

A curfew will be imposed again in Haifa and Jerusalem from five o'clock in the afternoon until six o'clock to-morrow morning. The curfew extend to roads connecting Haifa with Jerusalem but will not affect Tel-Aviv.

Jerusalem was placed out of bounds to all British troops until further notice. All ranks were instructed to restrict movement, particularly after dark, to "essential duty journeys."

Meanwhile Dov Gruner, 33-year-old extremist around whose death sentence the whole situation of Palestine now revolves, steadfastly refused his attorney's plea to sign a document permitting his legal advisers to appeal to the Privy Council.

There were unconfirmed reports in Palestine that Groner might be hanged to-day. —United Press.

STOP PRESS

Report Of Judge's Release Confirmed

Jerusalem, Jan. 29.

Judge Ralph Windham, one of two kidnapped British subjects held as hostages has been found, police said to-day as they pressed a search for the second man, Mr. H. A. L. Collins, a banker. Confirmation of Windham's release came after a government source said the judge had telephoned the Tel-Aviv police from Ramat Gan.

There also was a report that Collins had been released but this was not confirmed by police who continued their search for him. (In London the British colonial minister told the House of Commons he understood Collins had been seriously injured, but that Windham was believed unhurt. He warned the Jews that any additional outbreaks would lead to "full military control and all that it implies" and said British women and children might have to be evacuated from the Holy Land to protect them from violence.)

The announcement of the judge's release closely followed news that Collins, abducted from his home Sunday night, had been granted freedom. — Associated Press.

FOUR KILLED IN MAQUIS RAID ON VILLAGE

Valencia, Spain, Jan. 28.

Four persons were killed and 11 injured when Maquis attacked the village of Rosa Delabispo, about 40 miles from Valencia, yesterday at dawn, it was learned to-day.

The Maquis divided into two groups and attacked a small clubhouse and the headquarters of the civil guard, shooting as they entered. The report said the civil guards repulsed the attack.

The wife and daughter of one of the civil guards were killed and an undisclosed number of guards injured, the report added.

The police are searching for the Maquis, some of whom were believed to be injured.

It was believed the attack was in retaliation for the detention of the group's chief, Levantine Maquis, and also possibly it was caused by the cold which drove the members to seek food and fuel. —United Press.

BURMA'S CHOICE: CAN LEAVE OR STAY IN COMMONWEALTH

Churchill Caustic In Commons

London, Jan. 28.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, to-day told the House of Commons that Burma had been given the choice of remaining in or leaving the British Commonwealth, but Mr. Winston Churchill charged that the scheme meant only that Britain must "pay and then go."

Mr. Attlee said Britain had agreed that Burma should achieve freedom and independence "within as short a time as possible." He said it was for the people of Burma to decide whether to remain in the Commonwealth. He outlined the transitional means whereby the Burmese Constituent Assembly, to be elected in April, would frame Burma's new constitution. He added that British loans to repair war damage would be continued in the transitional period.

Mr. Churchill commented, "First we pay and then we go."

"The Right Honourable gentleman's logical faculty seems to have deserted him," Mr. Attlee responded. "There is no decision here to go. There is no decision to pay for these are interim payments in the form of loans. It really cannot be reduced down to a proposition which is entirely inaccurate."

"DISMAL TRANSACTION"

Mr. Churchill then asked Mr. Attlee to arrange for the House to debate "this dismal transaction." Mr. Attlee said a debate would be arranged after the Burmese delegates had returned to Burma, but added, "I am hoping the debate will be no more dismal than the debate of 41 years ago, in which the Right Honourable gentleman had to suffer some calamity."

Burmese delegates told the United Press they wished to make it clear that they were not prevented from seeking any change which may be outside existing provisions for the interim period. They said it would be the task of the new Constituent Assembly to determine the new constitution of Burma within a period of one year, "which is the time limit set by the Burmese people for their country's independence." —United Press.

HOUSING PLAN FOR BRITAIN

London, Jan. 28.

Britain's housing programme for 1947 was announced in a White Paper to-day by the Minister of Health, Mr. Aneurin Bevan. It depends for its success on increased supplies of timber from abroad, including Russia.

The Minister hopes to see 240,000 houses completed during the year and 200,000 more under construction by December, but all depends on timber imports.

Last year, only 800,000 standards of timber were imported whereas the average pre-war import was 2,300,000 standards, mainly from Scandinavia and Baltic countries and Canada.

Germany is now regarded as a possible source of supply. So is Russia, which last year shipped a symbolic cargo of 15,000 standards. It is realised that Sweden would readily supply timber if she could be sent British coal and Finland if she could be sent British steel.

Last year 53,000 permanent houses and 22,000 temporary houses were completed in Britain, the White Paper states. This represents 75 per cent of the maximum that was hoped for. —Reuter.

RUPERT AND NINKY

There is no "Rupert and Ninky" to-day because further instalments of the story have not arrived as anticipated. The series will be resumed as soon as possible.

ATROCITIES IN HANOI

Allegations By French Troops

Marseilles, Jan. 28.

Several hundred French civilians and wounded soldiers, returning from Indo-China aboard the liner Pasteur, alleged to-day that scores of French men, women and children were tortured and massacred by Viet Namh soldiers.

They said the worst incidents took place in Hanoi in the early days of the revolt and were carried out by the Tu-Ve, suicide squads of the Viet Namh Army.

One woman passenger, who said she saw an entire family killed, declared that the squads used the sewers to penetrate the centre of the town. She said they attacked with hand-grenades and fired houses with gasoline.

The traveller said children had been seen and backed into pieces and women raped and tortured. She herself managed to escape by hiding in a well. —United Press.

CONSULS' DENIAL

Hanoi, Jan. 27 (Delayed).
The Viet Namh radio broadcast in French and English on Sunday night that the Chinese, American and British consuls in Hanoi attended a dinner given by the "Viet Namh High Command in Hanoi" inside the Sino-Viet Namhese quarter.

The British Consul, Mr. Trevor Wilson, the radio said, thanked the Viet Namhese authorities for protecting the Indian nationals residing in the country and said the world appreciate Viet Namhese respect of international laws.

The United States Consul, Mr. James O'Sullivan, said, according to the radio, "the longer the Viet Namh people resist in this struggle the more certain their final victory will be."

Later the American and British consuls said in a statement that they, with the knowledge of the French Commissariat, entered the Sino-Viet Namhese quarters to ascertain local conditions and discuss civilian evacuation, and the Viet Namh authorities entertained them at a dinner.

"The Viet Namh radio broadcast certain remarks alleged to have been made by the U.S. and British consuls. We authorise a flat denial of the respective statements." —Associated Press.

Floods Cause Havoc And Deaths

Istanbul, Jan. 28.

Twenty people were drowned and thousands fled from their homes when devastating floods swept the Adriatic area of Turkish East Thrace in the last 24 hours after torrential rains.

The rivers Toundja and Arda overflowed, flooding a great part of the town of Adrianople, where over 200 houses were evacuated. Railway communications were disorganised. —Reuter.

HONGKONG REPORT DENIED

Paris, Jan. 28.

M. Marius Montet, French Minister of Colonies, has categorically denied the reports from Hongkong that French forces have used poison gas against the Annamites in the Indo-China fighting.

M. Montet said: "This report is absolutely false. I have given categorical standing orders that under no circumstances should gas be used in Indo-China operations. These orders have been followed to the letter."

"This is the third false report of the use of gas by French forces to come from unauthorised sources in Indo-China and it is as completely unfounded as the earlier two reports."

A high Foreign Office spokesman also branded the report as "unsubstantiated, malicious and absolutely false." —Reuter.

MacARTHUR IN MORE TROUBLE

Moscow, Jan. 28.

Tass said to-day that General Douglas MacArthur's staff had refused a representative of the Moscow patriarchy permission to enter Japan on a pilgrimage from a Russian orthodox monastery, and that such refusal was "an unfriendly act toward the Russian orthodox church."

A Vladivostok dispatch prominently displayed in Izvestia said: "the church, and public of the Russian orthodox church cannot consider this act other than as unfriendly toward the Russian orthodox church and a crude interference in the affairs of a spiritual consistory of the orthodox church of Japan, long under the supervision of the Moscow Patriarchy."

The Tass account said the consistory requested the Moscow patriarch last March to nominate a bishop for Japan. It said MacArthur's staff was asked for permission for a representative of the patriarchy to enter Japan and that request was denied early in January.

"UNCEREMONIOUS"

Tass said: "It is not without interest to note that MacArthur's staff some time ago urgently asked for a bishop from the United States for the orthodox church in Japan. In order to give at least the appearance of consideration to the orthodox church in Japan to accepting an American bishop, MacArthur's staff assigned a special service officer to the consistory under whose influence 'consent' was made official."

"Thus did MacArthur's staff dispose of the fate of the Japanese orthodox churches. It may be concluded that from the point of view of policy and methods such unceremonious actions can find explanation but from the public and church point of view they absolutely are illegal." —Associated Press.

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Catholic School Adopts Mighty Battleship

HMS Vanguard, Britain's mightiest battleship which will carry King George VI and Queen Elizabeth to South Africa, has received a crucifix from a Catholic school—St. John's, Dundee—which has "adopted" the vessel.

Pupils of St. John's will supply Catholic sailors aboard the Vanguard with Catholic and other literature, and with comforts.

The crucifix was sent when the school heard that one was needed for the altar during the celebration of Mass.

This practice of adopting warships and other vessels by Catholic schools is part of the service rendered to seafaring men in the wide and useful work of a well-known British voluntary welfare service for sailors, the Apostleship of the Sea.

The purpose of the Apostleship is to keep before Catholics the peculiar needs of those whose calling cuts them off from the normal amenities of life and the consolations of religion. It aims to

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POCKET CARTOON



WILLIAM HICKEY

Disarming question

GRANT of war gratuities to constabulary is still being argued and getting nowhere.

Case seems to rest on whether the Treasury conscience can be pricked hard enough to remember earlier exhortations and recognise constabulary as Armed Forces of the Crown.

When the war started they were placed under Admiralty orders, borne on the strength of HMS President II, and subject to the Naval Discipline Act.

They were given naval ranks; a constabulary becoming a leading seaman whether he would or no; and the force was excluded from PAYE as Armed Forces of the Crown.

Many of the men were RNR, were not mobilised because they were already considered as serving; they were armed, too: Sten guns, rifles, and anything else they could get.

On being disestablished, they ceased "to be regarded as members of the Armed Forces of the Crown."

In lengthy explanation why publicans may not be magistrates, Lord Chancellor JOWITT said that by reason of their calling they were brought into contact with what was going on, and it might be difficult for a licensee-holder to avoid hearing discussion of cases on which he would have to adjudicate.

NEW London telephone directory lists three firms styling themselves "Atomic." Though you can't keep a good word out, there seems something redundant about Atomic Pulverisers Ltd.

WEALTHY people are investing capital in diamonds: not-so-rich are putting money into postage stamps.

Reason is the same in both cases; a firm international value which is still rising.

As with jewels, stamps are subject to import and export control, may not be smuggled. Yet as Mr STANLEY PHILLIPS told me financial stability has brought buyers to the world's stamp markets who cannot be called philatelists.

It has been for 40 years with London's oldest firm of stamp dealers, said that genuine collectors heartily dislike this "forcing-up" of prices, which limits their chances of buying a much-wanted specimen.

On the other hand, value of collections has greatly increased.

Many first issues are up by more than 100 percent, some far higher.

Sets of Falkland Islands centenary issue cost about £25 before the war, are now more than £70, rise typical of many similar issues.

How many people collect stamps? Mr Phillips is certain it is one in 20, but thinks it may be nearer one in ten. And it is a world enthusiasm.

SUCCESS of well-fed French race-horses gives point to news of more than 1,000 well-fed German dogs on show in Hamburg, including 19 hasty Newfoundlands.

It proves something.

EVERY morning at 11 o'clock the carillon of St Mary's parish church, Taunton, recently restored as memorial to men of the Somerset Light Infantry, plays "Drink to me only with thine eyes."

"They" open at 11.

THE Select Committee reporting on the House of Lords recommends: "That when a division is called in the House, the interval of time between the order 'Clear the Bar' and the Question being finally put should be extended from two minutes to four minutes."

It sounds suspiciously like a double.

SCISSORED by Reader W. G. DEKIN, of Bolton: "Donohoe, Chimney Sweep, cleanest man in the Black Market."

NYE BEVAN permitting, this will be the last winter in The Nest, once known as Tottering Towers on account of the state of its roof, and sometimes as The Igloo because of the ice formations that hang from the bathroom waste pipe in the cold weather.

As a matter of fact, an Igloo would be warmer because an Igloo is at least draught-proof, with no leaky windows to let in the wild north-east winds.

Cut off from his body-warming blubber, no Eskimo could spend an English winter in The Nest and live.

Your Uncle Nat has survived only by staying in bed on the coldest days, and letting the women of the house stamp about the freezing kitchen, blowing on their blue fingers.

So in the spring (Nye Bevan permitting) your Uncle Nat will move to a new nest, which is a blitzed fisherman's cottage, bang on the little seaford opposite the Goodwin Sands, where American merchant ships are always providing front-page news.

There has been a long argument about what was war damage and what was collapse through old age and the weather.

As might be expected, your Uncle has been defeated in most of the arguments. Your Uncle never had any luck in such matters, and although descended from hardy peasant stock, has none of the hardy peasants' low cunning.

It has taken nearly a year to get a building licence (journalists are so influential), and it may take another year to get a bath and a boiler. But, as he says (Nye Bevan permitting), your Uncle will be there in the spring.

Neighbours

WHEN he is there, your Uncle will have Mr Noel Coward at some distance on his left and, if he takes up residence as Varden of the Cinque Ports, Mr Winston Churchill, at a shorter distance, on his right. Directly in front of him will be the sea and France and, during the season, a lot of visitors being sick in boats.

Residents in the other fishermen's cottages along the little street include a learned Judge who spends his vacations there, some retired Service people; a few boarding-house keepers and almost anybody who is not a fisherman.

The rest of the neighbourhood is almost entirely filled with public houses, all doing good business except two, one which was blasted by a German shell and one which was vented when the Germans were blasting the whole place with shells. When they are also doing good business your Uncle will have to spend a week or two in London for the sake of his health.

Natives have uttered many warnings about the severity of the winters on this exposed corner of the south-east coast.

That is because they know nothing of the severity of the winters in Surrey Nest, which is forty miles from the sea, but 600 ft above sea level, exposed to all the gales that blow across the Downs and colder than the Yorkshire moors, according to people who have lived on the Yorkshire moors.

And as he hopes the windows of the Sea Nest are going to be draught proof and the roof in proper repair (Nye Bevan permitting) your Uncle won't worry about that.

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DUMB-BELLS GETTING MARRIED, WHAT ABOUT THE BANNIS? OH! NEVER MIND THE BANNIS, THE ORGAN IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR US!

Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

It might be worried by seagulls, whose cries remind him of the cries of babies with tummy troubles; he might be worried by the Salvation Army band, which, he is informed, plays outside the Sea Nest every Sunday morning; and he might also be worried by visitors in the summer.

Visitors

ALL residents in seaside towns, except those who make money out of them, are worried by visitors in the summer.

To be frank, visitors to seaside towns in the summer are thoroughly hated by the residents. Even by some who take their money.

But this does not appear to be the kind of seaside town which attracts visitors who attract hatred from the residents.

There is no pier. It was smashed or burned (nobody seems to be sure which) during the war.

The bathing is dangerous because of wrecks near the shore. Paddling is positively suicidal, especially to the dear little kiddies, because the water is several feet deep as soon as you step into it.

There is no sand for the dear little kiddies to dig in and scream in competition with the seagulls.

If we have a lot of visitors they will not be the kind of visitors who want that kind of thing which can be found at Margate or Brighton or Hastings.

Your Uncle devoutly hopes they will be the kind of visitors who spend all the day fishing and feel too ill to drink up all the liquor in the evening—the kind of visitors who do not walk along the front in gangs, singing out of tune, arm in arm with sun-blistered women in tight trousers.

And as for the Salvation Army, he hopes they won't try to grab him for a song and a bang on the tambourine before he can nip into one of the little public houses before lunch on Sundays.

Diary of a worm

(At the request of James Agate) GLOOMY worm arrives home saying he is worried about 200 Russian divisions in Europe.

Oh, so that is what worm is worried about, is it? At first foolish worm thought that, although worm was worrying for once about her neuralgia, or the housework she has to do without help, or dirty ceilings and paint which are a disgrace to Worm's avenue because worm hasn't enough gumption to get repair licence.

And, who, wife might ask, is worm to worry about 200 Russian divisions in Europe? Surely there are enough people in Parliament to

worry about that—people who at least have enough brains to know what they're worrying about. It might be better if worm worried a little more about office boy's job in City and tried to get on in world and provide proper home with proper curtains, like gas manager, instead of being satisfied to be at back and call of every Tom, Dick and Harry for paltry pittance.

And if cowardly worm is thinking of another war he needn't worry about that either. If worm is not too old and stupid by then with health ruined by drink, worm will be back in silly Home Guard uniform, wearing silly medal ribbons, happily swashbuckling about in big boots and telling hasty little jokes to witty worm friends in low tavern, leaving wife alone to be blown to smithereens by atom bombs.

What's more, another war would give worm another chance to stay out all night on exercises, when everybody knows sex-mad worm was taking blonde barmoid to pictures, another excuse to go about armed to teeth showing off with dangerous weapons, and another excuse not to buy new furniture and curtains.

Wife could understand worm worrying if worm had world situation at finger-tips like gas manager, who not only manages gas, but is chief speaker at Rotary Club, chairman of urban district council, never has more than two small sherries before punctual dinner at seven, takes wife out twice a week, Mondays and Thursdays, and has provided new dining-room curtains twice since 1929, coupons or no coupons.

As it is worm knows nothing about world situation, would make a fool of himself if he spoke at Rotary Club, can hardly manage to pay gas bill let alone manage gas, and spends most of money on ending worm to little dinners as relief from monotonous drudgery in plain.

So far as wife is concerned they can drop atom bombs as soon as they like as it couldn't be worse than working fingers to bone all morning, waiting in queues all afternoon and listening to worm snoring all night. And as worm is never likely to be more than office slave and laughing stock of City wife wouldn't care if war were declared to-morrow as it would at least save her humiliation of selling up home and furniture, including curtains full of holes, and ending up in gutter.

Party conversation

"MARGARET's father says that if they had done nothing else the Nazis deserved to hang for being the chief causes of a world whisky shortage."

According To Culbertson

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The average player is too prone to accept a notrump contract when he is void in a suit which partner has bid. He assumes, of course, that partner has that suit well stopped, which often is the fact, but he fails to consider that the lack of communication cards in the suit is apt to make no-trump play unwieldy. Moreover, though partner has no reason to fear a suit in which he holds something like A-10-x-x-x, there is no assurance that such a holding, opposite a void, will produce two tricks. Consider the following deal.

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 5 3 2
♥ J 10 6
♦ —
♣ J 5 3 2
WEST
♠ J 6
♥ 8 5
♦ Q J 8 5
♣ K 8 8 6
EAST
♠ K 10 4
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West opened the diamond queen and declarer soon found that he was a vital trick short of contract. The diamond ace was held up, but on East's play of the seven, West continued with a low diamond. East's king also was allowed to hold, but on a third diamond lead declarer won with the ace. Now declarer led the ace and a low club. West ducked and the jack won. A spade was led to the ace and a spade returned, declarer hoping to establish the queen. East, however, smothered the queen, cashed the 10-9 of spades, and returned a club. West cashed his club king and diamond jack, thereby setting the contract two tricks.

If North had properly persisted to four hearts, South would have had no difficulty.

"My husband says he wants to live to be 100, because he thinks that's the only way to get his income tax rebate."

"The only way I can keep cheerful about present taxation is to believe in reincarnation."

"If you don't know you've been reincarnated and don't know you've been paying high taxes in a past life to make a new life more tolerable. I can't see the point of it."

"My husband says that Communism could never succeed in a free country because you would never get enough free people to vote for it."

"If you ask me, they won't take petrol off the ration because they're saving it up for something."

"Darling, don't start rumours. It's as bad as the war."

"If Ernie Bevin is 'a working class John Bull,' I suppose Clement Attlee is a public school John Bull."

"It's no good making cracks like that at a party like this. None of them has read any history."

"Brenda's husband's dreading more imports of food because to him it only means more of her awful cooking."

"Margaret's father thinks that anybody who holds up whisky supplies or impedes its production should be tried as an enemy of the State."

"I wonder they don't put foot-balers up in the market-place with chains round their necks and bid for them."

"It's hypocritical to say that the British public doesn't want to see the pictures of the executed Nazis. Britain, like every other country, is full of ghouls who want to see them."

"Why can't a Socialist Government lower the tax on unearned incomes and treble the tax on luxury goods?"

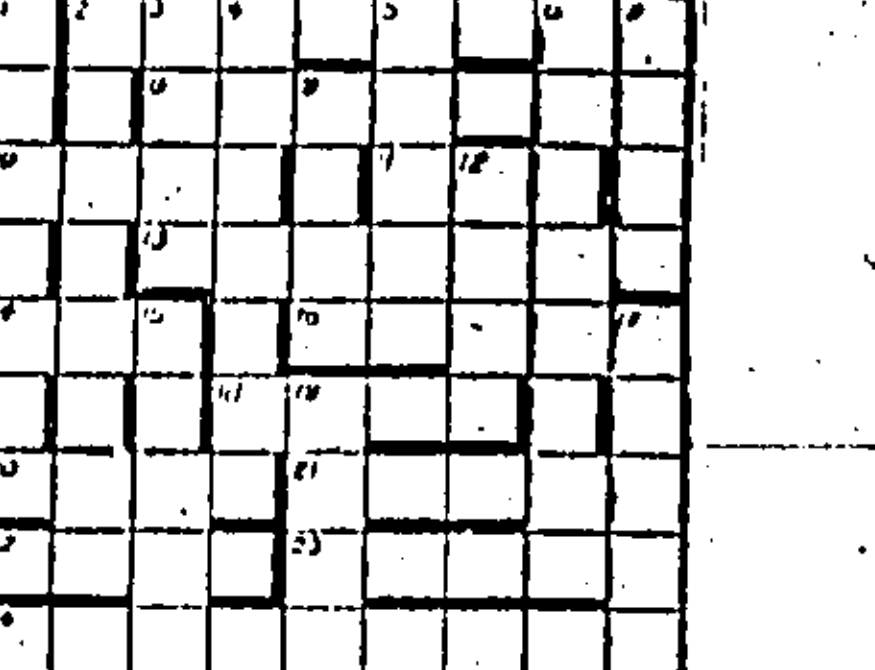
"Because nobody would buy the luxury goods."

"Women will always have fur coats."

"My husband says that millions a year are lost to the revenue because so far nobody has been able to work out a betting tax."

"Margaret's father says that any future indictment of war criminals should include the clause 'that he not only launched an aggressive war on civilisation but caused a world shortage of whisky.'"

CROSSWORD



2 and 7. They will tell you the surgery that it is a bovine.
8. Aquest a negative? (7)
9. Adjunct. (4)
10. James Agate has produced more than one. (3)
11. James Agate has produced more than one. (3)
12. Initially a governing body in the 'Tale Combiene'. (3)
13. Boredom. (3)
14. Has me 'mimed up'. (5)
15. Ruler who looks right on his return. (4)
16. 20. Success. (4)
17. Horned deer. (4)
18. You can't have anything more dead. (3)
19. You may and that time tone on it. (3)

1. Position in the field that strikers like. (4, 3)
2. You might say the enamel has been used for it. (3)
3. Jontar. (4)
4. Neglect of them may cause decay. (5)
5. Outsize. (6)
6. See Agate. (4)
7. Ardent followers. (4)
8. This wheel has 6. (4)
9. Restless substance of varnish. (5)
10. Of class by themselves. (5)
11. Gulls. (4)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Posed by Carol Crowther for Lois Leeds.

Here are some model makeup tricks that are just right for your budget!

MODEL MAKEUP TRICKS!

Models, like all other professionals who depend upon that "perfected look," are very meticulous about all the details. They know that they can never do a really good patch-up job of their makeup. When they

Dress As You Please

Fashionably speaking, 1947 is the year to do exactly what you please. If you want frills, put them on. If you prefer severity, go right ahead. Even New York's best known fashion authorities cannot agree on a thing.

Nettle Rosenstein vows that the female figure will continue to be the chief focus of the fashion designer's attention. "I believe the American women will not conceal what they strive so hard to retain—the small, slim waistline," she predicts.

But dress designer Mary Stevens doesn't believe a word of it. "Certainly beginning this year we will see the straight-up-and-down boyish dress come back," she said.

That queen Lily Dache sees smaller, simpler hats—many of them untrimmed—in her crystal ball. "I believe that women in 1947 will wear more tailored clothes than for many years," says she.

But dress designer Harriette Herra would like to place a little bet on Monte-Sano's prediction. "We are entering an era of style exaggeration," she says. "All women will dress to look taller; small women will strive to look dainty and doll-like. Slim women will look boyish and rounded women will want to look voluptuous."

And here's a cheerful note for husbands.

"The epoch of mad spending for just any kind of clothes is finished," says designer Jane Derby. "Women will want a lot for their money in 1947 and will get it."—United Press.

feel the need of freshening up their faces, they remove every trace of the old makeup first. Then they start again at the beginning and with a thoroughly clean, smooth surface.

A small tube of cleansing cream, some tissues, a makeup base and a compact of little pads which have been saturated with witch hazel are necessary aids. These, carried in your purse, will come in very handy for your purpose.

Set II. Some models and actresses "set" their makeup by using an application of astringent, witch hazel. They put it on gently with a piece of absorbent cotton or gauze. And here's a twist to an old idea, which many find more effective.

Atomize II. After applying your powder base, your lipstick and rouge, if you use it, just spray in witch hazel or astringent with an atomizer! Be sure to cover the entire area with an even film. This produces an even smoother finish, as the makeup might just be disturbed by the patting. Let the film dry by itself and then apply your mascara.

Model Makeup
by GABRIELLE



Beautiful your profile! If the structure of your nose deviates from the ideal, here's a minimising trick. When you apply your foundation, blend on a darker shade than your makeup and smooth it right down the centre of your nose. Dark Rachel blends well with other shades. You will have a "softer" Profile.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Now understand, nobody is to name this calf or make a pet of him—he'll be valuable veal in a couple of months!"

Free Enterprise In China Being Stifled By Many Monopolies

By ANTHONY ULLSTEIN
United Press Staff Correspondent

Faced with bankruptcy, China's small and medium-sized businessmen and industrialists to-day feel that expanding Kuomintang monopolies are stifling free enterprise in the country.

Admitting the necessity of import restrictions to conserve foreign exchange, and taking due note of disrupted conditions arising from civil strife, they maintain that even within their narrowed sphere of activity they are being squeezed out of business by government competition.

At the same time, economists agree, monopolies and semi-monopolies in vital spheres of industry and transportation—and to a growing extent foreign trade—reap profits from their privileged position. And since the bulk of government income pays for civil war costs—80 to 90 percent of the budget in 1946, according to various official statements—observers think that private enterprise in China is unlikely to be relaxed until Communist-Kuomintang guns are silenced.

Source of Revenue

Premier T. V. Soong has admitted that monopolies are a source of government revenue, but said such typical concerns as the China Textile Development Corporation would remain government affairs for two or three years only. The man whose factory was destroyed along on a rail line, however, fears that after ruin long before that unspecified date.

As 1946 drew to a close, Soong conferred in Shanghai with private entrepreneurs on the question of lifting them over with government loans. This was in line with his earlier promise that monopolies would aid and co-operate with private-owned companies. The growing list of industrial setbacks and failures suggests, however, that practice at best has not caught up with enunciated policy.

As against daily Chinese press reports of idle machines, darkening export prospects and tottering industries—80 percent of factories in Szechuen Province, for instance, are reported to be closed—well as 1,600 in Shanghai—the single recent report that Shanghai ballrooms are doing booming business carried the macabre flavour of feasting in the midst of disaster.

Tax Burden

Taxes, although ineffectively collected, place the greatest burden on the lower and middle classes, since there is no comprehensive graduated tax system. The Ta Kung Pao reported that businessmen in Foochow are being asked to pay 23 different kinds of taxes, including a "winter defence tax."

To-day, one and a half years after V-J Day, Chinese businessmen are beginning to fear that the whole trend of China's postwar economy is toward the boosting of monopolies at the expense of private capital. These fears were expressed several months ago by the China Weekly Review, which wrote:

"...New government corporations are being organised at the rate of one or more a week. As rapidly as they are organised private interests are either prohibited by law from participation or are frozen out by policies which toss the treasury's moneybags around."

And on Aug. 15, 1946, Henry R. Lieberman, called the New York Times: "The Chinese State, acting through various public agencies and corporations, has become the country's leading economic entrepreneur and now dominates mining, power, heavy industry, silk, cotton and sugar production."

Dominates Economy

Government monopoly, of a sort, dates back in China to a period between the tenth and sixth century B.C., when the government distributed handicraft manufacture and certain utensils for the exclusive use of the aristocrats. Later, under the imperial dynasties, monopoly took on a more bureaucratic pattern; salt control and superintendency over silk factories were among the most profitable posts in the Empire.

This bureaucratisation of investment capital, resting on the government apparatus and extended by state banks, dominates China's economy to-day as never before. It is closely tied to the pursuit of various cliques within the Kuomintang, and thus fits more into a pre-capitalist feudal state of things than into any modern notion of "state capitalism."

The basis for the control of modern production in coastal China was laid after Japan's defeat by the seizure of enemy property; the major part of which—perhaps 70 percent—is under government monopoly management. Chen Han-ying, formerly Professor of History at the National University of Peking, wrote in the "Far Eastern Survey," issue of Oct. 9, that "the present large-scale government monopoly in industry and trade has been largely accomplished through currency note issue and the control of properties which used to belong to the Japanese and their puppet regimes." In fact this is the crux of the entire government finance.

Despite bureaucratic inefficiency, control over these properties yields profit, where private concerns languish, for these reasons, the factories not working in the first place, much of the material is obtained through United States surplus sales and free U.S.A. shipments; capital need not

be borrowed at prevailing exorbitant interest rates; and the labour problem is far less than that bedeviling the private owner, due to greater control.

Leaders Divided

A highly placed American observer interviewed by the United Press emphasised that this apparent stifling of private enterprise does not by any means enjoy the solid backing of all government leaders. This division was reflected in a May 30 editorial of the Ta Kung Pao, which is regarded as often speaking for the more liberal elements within the Kuomintang. The paper bitterly charged that "the government has pursued a consistent policy, namely, to enrich the rich and impoverish the poor."

Furthermore, private industrialists have proved themselves very vocal in complaining against the practical results of policies which on paper are meant to represent the happy wedding of private and state enterprise.

Some of those complaints, the American observer said, may be exaggerated, but there are few private industrialists in China to-day who would not add a fervent amen to the summing-up of a Shanghai textile factory manager, quoted in the "Far Eastern Survey," as saying: "Even if the workers took no wages and ate nothing, even if there were no labour cost involved, factories in China would have to close down."

(This is the first of three articles on monopolistic trends in China's economy. The second article will appear to-morrow.)

INDIA LEADS BRITAIN'S CUSTOMERS

India has become Britain's best customer. In the third quarter of last year, the Indians bought £21,000,000 goods, made in the United Kingdom, or almost 10 percent of the total exports.

The Union of South Africa had been Britain's principal export market before the war. Sale of British goods there has steadily increased, but not to the same extent as the demand in India.

Another improved market is Denmark, which has jumped from tenth to third in importance. The Danes now take nearly £15,000,000 of goods, almost as much as the United States and Canada together.

Australia and Eire are next in importance, with the Netherlands, Norway and New Zealand have all been buying British in a bigger way. On the other hand, there was a fall of £3,500,000 to France, and £2,000,000 to the Soviet Union in comparison with the previous quarter. The Russians only bought £200,000 worth of British goods during that period.

Principal Exports

What have these countries been buying? First of all, vehicles. During the period, Britain exported 25,195 motor cars and chassis; 12,733 commercial vehicles and chassis; 12,957 motor cycles; 28,500 bicycles, and 71,000 tons of railway rolling stock.

Second most important class of export is machinery, principally agricultural implements, textile machinery, and boiler plant. Then come iron and steel goods, cotton yarns and manufactures, and chemicals, drugs, dyes and colours.

Biggest fall of all was in coal exports. There were only 13 percent of the 1938 figures.

POPULATION OF HAWAII

The Japanese population in Hawaii has decreased, while the Caucasian, Hawaiian and Filipino populations of the islands have increased since 1940, Governor Ingram Stainback reported to the US Secretary of the Interior.

The Caucasians more than doubled, increasing from 18.02 percent of the total to 173,533 or 33.43 percent.

Those of Japanese ancestry declined from 40.1 percent in 1940 to 32.2 percent or 168,463 persons. The Hawaiian and part Hawaiian populations are increasing most rapidly.

Philippines, bolstered by the admission of 5,000 sugar and pineapple workers, compose one-tenth of the population, and are the fourth largest racial group.

Other important but smaller groups are Chinese, Koreans, Puerto Ricans and negroes.

Tax collections indicated that Hawaii's commerce in the first year of peace exceeded the wartime level by almost \$3,000,000. Taxes collected totalled over \$42,000,000.—Associated Press.

LOWLAND SCOTS NEWSLETTER

By F. CROWLEY

Jimmy Macnamara, of Clydebank, captain of the newly-formed Scottish Marathon Club, is 61 years of age, but that doesn't stop him galloping along the roads like a youngster. Recently he celebrated his 45th anniversary in cross-country running by doing a 10 miles gallop which formed part of his training for a road race in which he will compete in England.

Jimmy, who says he keeps in the game to encourage youngsters and because "a healthy body appeals to a clear mind," did much of his training in the blackout by the aid of a torch. He was on the beaches at Dunkirk.

Link With Sir Walter Scott

Mr Charles R. Boag Watson, of 24 Garzeube Terrace, Edinburgh, each Sunday opens a small box, takes out a gold ring and slips it carefully on his finger. At the end of the day the ring is carefully restored to the box for another week.

Reason for the ritual: ring is over 100 years old and belonged to Sir Walter Scott who, shortly before his death, gave it to his lawyer, John Gibson, of Edinburgh. In turn he gave it to his friend, the Rev. Charles Watson of Burntisland, Mr Boag Watson's grandfather.

There is a legend attached to the ring. Concealed in the engraving on the other side is a tiny hole. Tradition says that, if a pin is inserted, a pocket inside the ring will spring open. Inside, they say, Sir Walter Scott placed a hair from his head.

Mr Boag Watson has never put tradition to test. He feels he might be disappointed.

Ex-Servicemen Weavers

Miss Catriona MacIver, a native of Stornoway, formed a company in the Island of Lewis to employ ex-servicemen who were chosen for their integrity, war service, and skill as weavers. She called the company Homespun, Ltd., and each man has a share in the concern which produces the best of cloth. Now Messrs Malcolm M'Lean, John M'Leod, and Angus Morrison, have woven some lengths of tweed which have been presented to Princess Elizabeth.

In a letter from Buckingham Palace intimating acceptance of the gift it is stated: "I am to say that H.R.H. was most touched by the kind thought which prompted the offer of this beautiful tweed. I would be grateful if you would convey to these concerned Her Royal Highness's very sincere thanks."

Largs and Ylms

A plea for the foundation of an "eventide home" in Largs made by Dr William Boyd, chairman of a recently formed Health Campaign Committee, is backed by the fact that one in eight of the population of Largs is an old age pensioner.

Dr Boyd points out that, with a population of 8,000, the Ayrshire seaside resort had 1,000 pensioners and an "eventide home" was urgently required and was one of the chief aims of the Committee.

"Over 700 of the pensioners are more than 70 years of age, and many who live alone have difficulty in finding for themselves. An eventide home in Largs would allow these old folk to spend their last years in peace and comfort," he said.

Lights Up in Orkneys

The cold waters of the Bay of Firth, Orkneys, are reflecting the lights of the little village of Finstown these nights—first step in the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board's scheme to bring supplies to the isolated districts of the North of Scotland.

Half the village, 22 consumers, have been connected to the main transmission line from the Board's generating station at Kirkwall. Some of the shops and houses have fluorescent lighting.

The owner-occupiers have the service so far; the others must carry on with their paraffin lamps until men and materials are available to bring the whole system up to date. Cost is 6d. per unit for 30 units and a penny per unit thereafter.

U.S. PERSONNEL IN CHINA SAID INCREASED

A Shanghai dispatch to the Moscow newspaper, Pravda, said that United States personnel in Peking had been increased considerably despite the "complete lack of activity."

The message said that the United States now had 300 officers and 1,600 men in Peking and another 200 officers and men in Kalgan.

The dispatch said that "according to reports, the American officers and soldiers use the Executive Staff for fulfilling tasks which have nothing in common with the work for which the Staff was formed."—Associated Press.

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